the strikes, we are losing production, anyhow appoint somebody, we will submit to that adjudication. That is the stage to which employers have grown on account of the experience of the work of adjudications for the last one year. In the same way, I venture to profess that if provisions like these are given statutory recognition although employers may feel nervous for a few days they will begin to realise that after all such regularisation of the relationship between the workmen and the employers will be beneficial even to industry in the long run and therefore I have absolutely, personally speaking no fear that a provision like the one regarding bonus in the present legislation is going at all to affect industry. There have been statements made on the floor of this House that this Bill will not be useful to the working classes. Government cannot agree with that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakancheri):* Nobody can agree.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* It is useful so far as it goes. I do not for a moment claim that it is a penacea for all the difficulties which the working classes are suffering from. With respect to one matter it provides for a machinery that is all, a machinery to fix the minimum wage. To that extent alone it is useful and therefore somebody said that once for all labour troubles will be put an end to, he was making too large a claim on this Bill. Another friend said that this Bill will not achieve its object if it is the intention to avoid strikes. It is not my object to avoid strikes by bringing Bills like this. There are several other matters about which legislation is necessary, to improve the lot of the working classes. What I said in moving the Bill was only this. Unless the Government took bold measures to better the lot of the working classes unrest created by the working classes will be on the increase. That is all what I said. How far a legislation like this one will be useful so far as it goes. I therefore pray that the House may be pleased to unanimously pass the motion which I moved yesterday namely that the Bill may be read in Council.

Motion put and carried

Secretary to the Council: The title of the Bill is Cochin Minimum Wages Bill.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* I move that the Bill may be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the mover, the Advocate-General and Messrs. M. O. Thomakutty, P. K. Dever, K. P. Rao, Chowwara Parameswaran, Puthur Achutha Menon, K. Kochukuttan, Parambi Lonappen, Natarajan Chettiar and K. T. Achuthan.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* On a point of information, Sir, may I know whether the fixing of minimum of wages and the payment of bonus these two matters also form the terms of reference to the Labour Committee that is constituted? Are these subjects also to be considered by them? If so my suggestion is that it is much better that those members are also taken into the Select Committee, the only exception being I think Mr. Raja. The members of the Labour Committee I think, Messrs. Dever and Raja and Mrs. Francis. I think they also should have the benefit of this.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* I think there are several matters pending before them and personally I think that it is unnecessary.

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* I would also propose the name of Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan as a Member of the Select Committee.

Mr. Jos K. Verghese *(Trichur-South):* I request that the Member for Jemmies may be included.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhnthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I support that.

Motion put and carried

Mr. Panel Chairman: The report must be submitted within two months and the Hon'ble Minister for Food should be the Chairman.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* I suggest that the report of the Select Committee may be placed before the next session.

(ii) The Cochin Panchayat Act (Amendment) Bill

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* Sir, I move that the Cochin Panchayat Act (Amendment Bill) be read in Council.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

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Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* In order to give effect to the proposal that no person should be denied admission or refused to be served in restaurants, eating houses, boarding houses, saloons, etc., on the ground that he belongs to any particular caste or creed, it is necessary to amend the Cochin Panchayats Act and provide that the licenses issued in that behalf shall always contain a compulsory provision that no discrimination will be made on that ground. Hence the Bill.

Motion put and carried

Secretary to the Council: The title of the Bill is The Cochin Panchayats Act (Amendment) Bill.

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* I request the president to suspend Standing Order 32.

Mr. Panel Chairman: Standing Order 32 is suspended.

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* I move that the Cochin Panchayat Act (Amendment) Bill be taken into consideration.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

Clause 2

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I seek to enquire by way of Information whether there are certain institutions or certain places mentioned there, whether all the places tkat are necessary to open to all are there.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* This relates to those occupations for which license is required under the schedule to the Municipal Act and we have taken within the scope of this amendment all such institutions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I was only enquiring whether there was any omission.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* We have simply copied the schedule in the Municipal Act and there is no omission.

Mr. K. I. Velayudhan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the laundries are included.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Laundries are places where clothes are washed ?

Mr. K. I. Velayudhan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* There are laundries at which boards are put up to the effect that clothes of particular sections only will be washed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* We were not aware of that.

Mr. K. I. Velayudhan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* In the Trichur Municipal area there are places like that.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* They may be included. We can add after Boarding Houses or running barber saloons, laundries also.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Could not that, etc., may be removed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Where is that you find it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I am sorry, it is in the statement on objects and reasons.

Clause 2 as amended put and carried

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* I move that the Cochin Panchayats Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up for final consideration to-morrow.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)* I second it.

Motion put and carried

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APPENDIX III

THE COCHIN PANCHAYATS ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL

Preamble.—Whereas it is expedient to amend the Cochin Panchayats Act, XX of 1120, it is hereby enacted as follows.—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— This Act may be called the Cochin Panchayats (Amendment) Act, of 112 , and it shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of section 64.*—In section 64 of the Cochin Panchayats Act, XX of 1120.—

(*a*) The words " being purposes which, in the opinion of Government, are likely to be offensive or dangerous to human life or health or property ", shall be deleted, and

(*b*) After the words " specified in such license " the following shall be added.—

" and where the license is for keeping hotels, restaurants, eating houses, coffee houses, boarding houses or running barber saloons, the license shall always contain a condition that admission and service therein shall not be denied or restricted on the ground that he belongs to a particular caste or creed ".

Statement of Objects and Reasons

In order to give effect to the proposal that no person should be denied admission or refused to be served in restaurants, eating houses, boarding houses, saloons, etc. on the ground that he belongs to any particular caste or creed, it is necessary to amend the Cochin Panchayats Act and provide that the licenses issued in that behalf shall always contain a compulsory provision that no discrimination will be made on that ground. Hence the Bill.

APPENDIX IV

THE COCHIN MUNICIPAL ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL

Preamble.—Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Cochin Municipal Act, XVIII of 1113, it is hereby enacted as follows.—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— This Act may be called the Cochin Municipal (Amendment) Act, of 112 , and it shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of section 255.*—In sub-section (1) of section 255 of the Cochin Municipal Act, XVIII of 1113, after the words " the conditions specified therein " the following shall be added.—

" and where the license is for keeping hotels, restaurants, eating houses, coffee houses, boarding houses or running barber saloons, the license issued by the executive authority shall always contain and be deemed to contain a condition that admission and service therein shall not be denied or restricted to any person on the ground that he belongs to a particular caste or creed ".

Statement of Objects and Reasons

In order to give effect to the proposal that no person should be denied admission or refused to be served in restaurants, eating houses, boarding houses, saloons, etc., on the ground that he belongs to any particular caste or creed, it is necessary to amend the Cochin Municipal Act and provide that the licenses issued in that behalf shall always contain a compulsory provision that no discrimination will be made on that ground. Hence the Bill.

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